A SOLEMNE LEAGUE AND COVENANT, FOR REFORMATION, AND Defence of Religion, The Honour and Happineſſe of the KING, and the Peace and Safety of the three Kingdomes OF SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, and IRELAND.

Jer.50.5. *Come, let us joyn our ſelves to the Lord in a perpetuall Covenant, that ſhall not be forgotten.*

Prov.25.5. *Take away the wicked from before the King, and his Throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed in righteouſneſſe.*

2. Chron.15.15. *And all Iudah rejoyced at the Oath, for they had ſworn with all their heart, and ſought him with their whole deſire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them reſt round about.*

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and Convention of Eſtates, As the moſt powerfull meane by the bleſſing of GOD, for ſettling and preſerving the true Proteſtant Religion with perfect peace in his Majeſties Dominions, and propagating the ſame to other Nations, and for eſtabliſhing his Majeſties throne to all ages and generations: And therefore according to the power given to them by the ſaid Aſſembly, Ordaine this ſolemne League and Covenant to be with publick humiliation, and all Religious ſolemnities received, ſworn, and ſubſcribed by all Miniſters and Profeſſours within this Kirk; And, that this may be univerſally performed, It is alſo ordained that this League and Covenant be forthwith printed, and that the printed Copies, bound with ſome clean ſheets of Paper be ſent unto the Miniſtery, And that every Miniſter upon the firſt Lords Day, after the ſame ſhall come to his hands, read and explaine it, and by exhortation prepare the People to the ſwearing and ſubſcribing thereof ſolemnly, the Lords day next immediatly following. And it is further Ordained that Presbyteries take account of the performance hereof in their ſeveral bounds, and that they proceed with the cenſures of the Kirk, againſt all ſuch as ſhall refuſe, or ſhift to ſwear and ſubſcribe this League and Covenant, as enemies to the preſervation and propagation of Religion, And that they notifie their names, and make particular report of their own diligence hereintill, to this Commiſſion, or their Moderator, or Clerk to be delivered to them. And the Commiſsioners think it very convenient, for good example, and the better encouragement of others, that this Covenant be ſolemnly ſworn, and ſubſcribed by themſelves now preſent, before the Congregation, in the Eaſt Kirk upon

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Friday next the 13. of this inſtant, after Sermon and exhortation to be made by Maſter *Robert Douglas* Moderator; And that the Commiſsioners of the Convention of Eſtates now in Town, and the Commiſsioners from the Parliament of England, and the Divines of that Kingdome here preſent, be earneſtly deſired to joyne with them in this ſolemne and Religious Action.

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At Edinburgh the 12. of October, 1643.

THe Commiſſioners of the Convention of Eſtates, having received from the Commiſſioners of the Generall Aſſembly, the ſolemne League and Covenant under-written, approven and ſolemnly ſworn and ſubſcribed, in the Kingdome of England. And having taken the ſame to their ſerious conſideration, do unanimouſly and chearfully receive and embrace it, as agreeing with that draught, approven by the late Convention of Eſtates and Generall Aſſembly. And therefore ordains the ſame to be with all Religious ſolemnities ſworn and ſubſcribed by all his Majeſties Subjects of this Kingdome: And that under the pain to ſuch as ſhall poſtpone or refuſe, to be eſteemed and puniſhed as enemies to Religion, his Majeſties Honour, & Peace of thir Kingdoms; And to have their goods and rents confiſcate for the uſe of the publick, and that they ſhall not bruik nor enjoy any benefite, place nor office within this Kingdome. And als ordains all Sheriffs, Stuarts, and others

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his Majeſties Magiſtrates to Burgh and Land, and Committees in the ſeverall Shires, To be aſsiſting to Miniſters and Presbyteries, in procuring reall obedience hereunto. And that with all diligence they make report to the Committee of Eſtates, of the names of all ſuch perſons, as ſhall poſtpone or refuſe, to the effect courſe may be taken with them as aforeſaid. And that they may be cited to anſwer to the next Parliament, as enemies to Religion, King and Kingdomes, and to receive what further puniſhment his Majeſtie and Parliament ſhall inflict upon them. And further ordains thir preſents to be printed with the former Act of the Eſtates, and publiſhed at the Market Croſſes of the head Burrowes of this Kingdome; Wherethrough none pretend ignorance of the ſame.

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A SOLEMNE LEAGUE AND COVENANT

For REFORMATION, and Defence of Religion, The Honour and Happineſſe of the King, and the Peace and Safetie of the three Kingdomes of *Scotland*, *England*, and *Ireland*.

WEE Noblemen, Barons, Knights, Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgeſſes, Miniſters of the Goſpel, and Commons of all ſorts in the Kingdomes of *Scotland*, *England*, and *Ireland*, by the providence of GOD living under one King, and being of one reformed Religion, Having before our eyes the Glory of GOD, and the advancement of the Kingdome of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, the honour and happineſſe of the Kings

Majeſtie and his Poſterity, and the true publicke Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the Kingdomes, wherein every ones private condition is included; And calling to minde the treacherous and bloody plots, conſpiracies, attempts, and practices of the enemies of GOD, againſt the true Religion, and Profeſſours thereof in all places, eſpecially in theſe three Kingdomes ever ſince the Reformation of Religion, and how much their rage, power and preſumption are of late, and at this time increaſed and exerciſed; whereof the deplorable ſtate of the Church and Kingdome of Ireland, the diſtreſſed eſtate of the Church and Kingdome of England, and the dangerous eſtate of the Church and Kingdome of Scotland are preſent and publick teſtimonies; We have now at laſt (after other means of Supplication, Remonſtrance, Proteſtations and Sufferings) for the preſervation of our ſelves and our Religion from utter ruine and deſtruction, according to the commendable practice of theſe Kingdomes in former times, and the example of GODS People in other Nations, After mature deliberation, reſolved and determined to enter into a mutuall and ſolemne League and Covenant; Wherein we all ſubſcribe, and each one of us for himſelf, with our hands lifted up to the moſt high GOD doe Swear:

1. THat we ſhall ſincerely, really and conſtantly through the Grace of GOD, endeavour in our ſeverall places and callings, the preſervation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of Scotland in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government, againſt our common Enemies, The Reformation of Religion in the Kingdomes of England and Ireland,

Ireland, in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government, according to the Word of GOD, and the example of the best Reformed Churches; And shall endeavour to bring the Churches of GOD in the three Kingdomes, to the neareſt conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confeſſion of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worship and Catechizing; That we and our Posterity after us, may as Brethren, live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of persons, endeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy (that is, Church governement, by Arch-bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours and Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superstition, Heresie, Schisme, Prophaneness, and whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Doctrine, and the power of Godlinesse; Lest we pertake in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues; And that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the three Kingdomes.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and constancie, in our severall vocations endeavour with our estates and lives mutually to preserve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the Kingdomes; And to preserve and defend the Kings Majesties Person and Authority, in the Preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdomes; That the world may bear witnesse with our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have no

thoughts or intentions to diminiſh his Majeſties juſt power and greatneſſe.

4. We ſhall alſo with all faithfulneſſe endeavour the diſcovery of all ſuch as have been, or ſhall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil inſtruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongſt the people contrary to this League and Covenant, That they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne puniſhment, as the degree of their offences ſhall require or deſerve, or the ſupream Judicatories of both Kingdomes reſpectively, or others having power from them for that effect, ſhall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happineſſe of a bleſſed Peace between theſe Kingdomes, denyed in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of GOD granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and ſetled by both Parliaments, We ſhall each one of us, according to our place and intereſt, endeavour that they may remain conjoyned in a firme Peace and Union to all Poſterity, And that Juſtice may be done upon the wilfull Oppoſers thereof, in manner expreſſed in the precedent Article.

6. We ſhall alſo according to our places and callings in this Common cauſe of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, aſſiſt and defend all thoſe that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and purſuing thereof; And ſhall not ſuffer our ſelves directly or indirectly by whatſoever combination, perſwaſion

ſwaſion or terrour, to be divided and withdrawn from this bleſſed Union and conjunction, whither to make defection to the contrary part, or to give our ſelves to a deteſtable indifferency, or neutrality in this cauſe, which ſo much concerneth the glory of GOD, the good of the Kingdomes, and honour of the King; But ſhall all the dayes of our lives zealouſly and conſtantly continue therein, againſt all oppoſition, and promote the ſame according to our power, againſt all Lets and Impediments whatſoever; And, what we are not able our ſelves to ſuppreſſe or overcome, we ſhall reveale and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed: All which we ſhall do as in the ſight of GOD.

And, becauſe theſe Kingdomes are guilty of many ſins, and provocations againſt GOD, and his Son Jeſus Chriſt, as is too manifeſt by our preſent diſtreſſes and dangers, the fruits thereof, We profeſſe and declare before GOD and the world, our unfained deſire to be humbled for our own ſins, & for the ſins of theſe Kingdoues, eſpecially that we have not, as we ought, valued the ineſteemable benefite of the Goſpel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Chriſt in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the cauſes of other ſins and tranſgreſſions ſo much abounding amongſt us, And our true and unfained purpoſe, deſire, & endeavour for our ſelves, & all others under our power and charge, both in publick & in private, in all duties we owe to GOD and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before another in the example of a reall Reformation; That the Lord may turn away his wrath, and heavy indignation, and eſtabliſh theſe

Churches and Kingdomes in truth and peace. And this Covenant wee make in the presence of ALMIGHTY GOD the Searcher of all hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As we shall answer at that great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be discloſed; Most humbly beseeching the Lord, to strengthen us by his Holy Spirit for this end, and to blesse our desires and proceedings with such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his people, and encouragement to other Christian Churches groning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyne in the same, or like Association and Covenant, To the glory of GOD, the enlargment of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdomes, and Common wealths.

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